

'Watchdog' Unit on CIA Named

Killian Heads Group Created By Kennedy

Private Citizens
To Keep Eye on
U. S. Intelligence

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President Kennedy today re-established a special advisory board of private citizens to keep a continuing check on operations of the Central Intelligence Agency and other foreign intelligence activities of this Government.

The President wrote the man he named to head the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board that he wanted them to analyze objectively the work of all the Government's foreign agencies and advise him about any changes that would improve such operations.

As disclosed yesterday, he named Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., who is chairman of the corporation of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to be chairman of the board.

The White House action came as a move to set up a congressional watchdog committee to oversee CIA operations gained headway at the Capitol.

Humphrey Backs Move

Senator Humphrey of Minnesota, the assistant Democratic leader, who is supporting the move, said today that unless tight controls are clamped on the CIA, "it will begin to think it's a Government unto itself."

Senator Humphrey said the CIA "needs more scrutinizing and less publicizing."

Alongside Dr. Killian, the members of the reactivated board named by the President are Gen. Maxwell Taylor, former Army Chief of Staff; Robert D. Murphy, former Undersecretary of State and now president of Corning Glass International; Dr. William L. Langer, professor of history at Harvard University; Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, now chairman of the board of Space Technology Laboratories, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif., and Dr. William O. Baker, vice president for research for the Bell Telephone Laboratories. Others will be named later.

Dr. Killian was the first chairman of a similar board set up by former President Eisenhower in 1956. Gen. Doolittle and Dr. Baker were among members of the Eisenhower board who resigned in January.

Gen. Taylor already is making an independent review of America's capacity for paramilitary operations and including intelligence operations and guerrilla warfare. The White House said the board named today would have much wider responsibilities than involved in the limited study being made by Gen. Taylor.

Along with Gen. Taylor's special assignment, reactivation of the advisory board was considered part of an effort by Mr. Kennedy to make sure that any deficiencies in American intelligence operations shown up by the recent Cuban invasion fiasco are corrected.

The White House said that J. Patrick Coyne, former official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Security Council, will continue to serve as executive secretary of the reactivated board.

Terms Broadened

An executive order setting up the group was described as reactivating "under broadened terms of reference" the similar board established by President Eisenhower.

The formal White House announcement said the responsibilities assigned to the new board are of a continuing nature and encompass the total United States foreign intelligence effort.

The President's order directed the board to "conduct a continuing review and assessment of all functions of the CIA, and of other executive departments and agencies having such or similar responsibilities in the foreign intelligence and related fields, and shall report thereon to the President each six months or more frequently as deemed appropriate."

It ordered CIA Director Allen Dulles and other agency heads concerned to make available to the board any information it may require with respect to foreign intelligence matters.

In letters to the board members, Mr. Kennedy said his purpose was to obtain "independent evaluations of the objectives and conduct of United States foreign intelligence activities and of the performance of the several agencies engaged in foreign intelligence and related efforts."

Wants Board's Views

The President added that "I am especially anxious to obtain the board's views as to the overall conduct and progress of the foreign intelligence effort as well as its advice as to any modifications therein which would enhance the acquisition of intelligence essential to the policy-making branches of the Government in the areas of national security and foreign relations."

Senator Humphrey is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which has been inquiring into the unsuccessful invasion of Cuba.

The CIA's role in the invasion never has been precisely spelled out, although it is known to have furnished intelligence reports on the invasion's chances for success.